Allotment of land to schools

593. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Justify cheap land allotments, Government to Schools" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated, the 24th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the names of 265 private schools that were given land on throw away prices with details of total price of the land;

(c) whether these schools are not fulfilling the basic conditions set down by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against these schools, so far, by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. No such news item appeared in The Times of India, New Delhi dated 24th October, 2002.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

False age records of DDA employees

594. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has more than 1,000 employees who are above the retirement age of 60 years, but still are working due to false age records on their papers;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ascertain the real number of such employees through scrutiny and proper medical fitness examinations;

(d) whether Government would immediately retire these employees after proper scrutiny and examination; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that there are no such cases, in their notice.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that as part of continuous exercise for redeployment of surplus staff for gainful utilization, a Committee has been constituted which has, *interalia*, the mandate to identify cases where there is apparent glaring mismatch between the age as per physical appearance and the age as per official records. Action as per CCS (Medical Examination) Rules, 1957 is to be taken, if any, such cases are identified by the said committee.

(e) Question does not arise.

Habitat Centres

595. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HUDCO has set-up Habitat Centres in certain States;

(b) if so, the number of Habitat Centres set up by HUDCO in Orissa so far;

(c) the details of other projects to be taken up by HUDCO in Orissa; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to make HUDCO Niwas Scheme more competitive in the present lower interest regime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) is interacting with various State Governments, including Government of Orissa for setting up of Habitat Centres in the State Capitals/cities identified by the State Government. However, no state Habitat Centre has been established as yet.

(c) HUDCO has financed a variety of schemes for providing shelter and improving infrastructure in the state of Orissa. Details of HUDCO